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Further relative to plague cases on steamship *Nippon Maru*.^a

Doctor Ramus reports, June 7:

The plague cases reported as occurring among Russians on steamship *Nippon Maru* developed after the arrival of the vessel at Honolulu, June 3. The patients were a Russian and his two daughters, the latter aged respectively 8 and 15 years. They came from Kobe, a plague-infected port, and the bill of health showed that they had been detained there in quarantine 7 days and that their clothing had been disinfected. The vessel was 14 days from Kobe and 10 days from Yokohama. The first case claims to have been taken sick 1 day before arrival at Honolulu. The bubo in his case was not demonstrable until 3 days after landing. The second and third cases developed on June 6, 1 in the morning and 1 in the evening of that date. It would seem that the infection was contracted at sea from plague-infected rats or from infected fleas.

The quarantine officer at Angel Island, Cal., was notified by telegram of the development of these 3 cases of plague among immigrants from the *Nippon Maru*, which is due to arrive at San Francisco June 11.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Trotter, at Angel Island, Cal., reports, June 18:

The steamship *Nippon Maru* arrived June 10. The entire personnel were disembarked from the steamship upon arrival, taken to the station, bathed, and assigned to quarters and their effects were disinfected. On the following day the vessel was fumigated throughout. As a result of this fumigation 35 rats were collected and sent to the laboratory for examination. One rat was found to be affected with buboes. Acting on the result of this examination the cargo was ordered to be discharged into lighters only during the day and fumigation of the holds at night was done. This was continued until the vessel was empty, when it was fumigated throughout and given pratique. The personnel were detained at the station until the morning of June 18, and as no sickness had occurred amongst them they were released.

HONDURAS.**TELA, Fruit Port—Inspection of Vessel.**

Acting Assistant Surgeon Roe reports:

Week ended June 11. Bill of health issued to steamship *Harald*, for Mobile, crew 18; no passengers.

INDIA.**CALCUTTA—Cholera, Plague, and Smallpox.**

Acting Assistant Surgeon Allan reports, May 25:

Week ended May 7. At Calcutta there were 63 deaths from cholera, 75 from plague, and 1 death from smallpox; in all Bengal, 358 cases of plague, with 317 deaths; in all India, 14,471 cases of plague, with 13,076 deaths.

Week ended May 21. Bill of health issued to the steamship *Karonga*, bound for Boston and New York, with a crew of 65 members. The usual precautions were taken, holds fumigated, rat guards placed on wharf lines, and effects of Asiatics disinfected.

^a See Public Health Reports, June 17, 1910, page 859.